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Mr. Peter Lopez  
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Dear Mr. Lopez:

**VIA EMAIL:** Lopez.peter@EPA.gov

This is to officially express the Borough of Rutherford's support for the US EPA's proposed Interim Action for the upper 9 mile portion of the Passaic River. We urge you to move this project forward as quickly as possible.

The Borough of Rutherford's Administrator, Robert J. Kakoleski, was recently invited to attend a Passaic River Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting in the City of Clifton to learn more about the CAG and the US EPA's proposed Interim Action for the upper portion of the Passaic River. I was pleased to learn that the US EPA is attempting to move this project along quicker than the traditional project approach and was keenly focused on coordinating the work planned in the lower 8 miles of the river with work in the upper 9.

Like many municipalities and elected officials that commented during the public comment period of the lower 8 mile Record of Decision (ROD), there is a great deal of concern among the upper 9 stakeholders that with the largest dredging/in river remediation project in the history of the US EPA in the lower 8, in a tidal river like the Passaic, will result in significant resuspension of materials up and down the river. Coordinating the work in the upper 9 with the lower 8 is the right approach and the Borough of Rutherford supports the US EPA's efforts.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please call me at (201) 460-3022.

Sincerely,

Joseph DeSalvo, Jr.  
Mayor, Borough of Rutherford

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